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ATUG welcomes the Commonwealth Government's vision for Australia's game changing National Broadband Network.

A high speed fibre link to 90% of Australian homes and workplaces plus an affordable mix of wireless and satellite to deliver 100% coverage will change the communications landscape for all end users.

An updated regulatory environment will provide a much needed boost to competition and to choice and confidence in the sector. A transparent process where all views can be considered and debated will produce better outcomes for the next phase in Australia's communications policy.

Clear and certain access and pricing rules, a strengthened role for the ACCC, new consumer protection arrangements and more effective separation between wholesale and retail units within Telstra are welcomed by ATUG.

ATUG congratulates the Tasmanian Government on its successful proposal. This will be a milestone project for the National Broadband Network.

The immediate attention to regional backhaul links between major centres will provide much needed accelerated regional broadband services. ATUG looks forward to early announcements for this project.

The commitment to fibre deployments in greenfields developments is also a very welcome next generation move into a fibre future.

ATUG has been focused on competition and innovation in communications and the benefits for end users since 1981. Today's announcements are historic - a truly wholesale, truly separate National Broadband Network, stronger competition and updated consumer protection for communications users.

The outcomes for all users will be game changing capability for businesses large and small, government organisations and communities across Australia.

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